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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPS BRING QUALITY WATER TO CORDOVA

Cordova, Neb., August 10, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$782,000 to the Village of Cordova to pay for installation of transmission main to connect the Village to the City of Friend's water source. Community Development Block Grant funds of \$250,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and a village contribution of \$9,000 comprises the balance of funding needed. Water improvement project will benefit more than 125 rural residents.

"We are very appreciative of the funds that will help with our water needs," stated Delayne Eberspacher, chairman for Village of Cordova. "The news of the funding came at a much needed time."

"Nitrate and lead/copper levels in Cordova's present water source exceed maximum contaminant levels allowed under the Safe Drinking Water Act," stated Roger Meeks, area director for USDA Rural Development. "The water improvement project affords Cordova an economical solution to obtaining quality drinking water for its residents."

USDA Rural Development funds derived from Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant and Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant programs. Loan terms are 40 years at 4.25 percent rate of interest.

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